How Express Toll Lanes Work

Express Toll Lanes give motorists a choice of paying a fee (or toll) to avoid congestion by driving in separate, relatively congestion-free lanes when needed most.

Express Toll Lanes:

- Tolls would be collected electronically at highway speeds via a transponder (no tollbooths)

    ✓ Similar to Maryland's *E-ZPass*[sm] system where the toll is deducted automatically from a driver's account

- Cost of the toll would vary to manage the capacity

    ✓ Time of day – morning and evening rush hours could cost more based on the need for a congestion-free trip

    ✓ Traffic conditions – toll rates would increase as traffic conditions worsen; rates would decrease when there is extra capacity

- Similar to peak-period and discount programs offered by utilities, airlines, transit systems, movie theatres, etc.

    ✓ Drivers choose to pay a fee for services at peak periods or for premium service

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